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FCC ANNOUNCES NEW INTEGRATED SPECTRUM AUCTION SYSTEM

The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau is pleased to announce the release of a new auction application filing and bidding system known as the Integrated Spectrum Auction System ("ISAS"). ISAS will replace the existing FCC Automated Auction System, which comprises a Form 175 electronic filing component and a bidding component.

ISAS was designed to enhance and simplify existing auction processes. It combines the auction application, bidding, and administration processes into a single system. ISAS includes FCC Form 175 application enhancements, such as automated checking of data accuracy and improved application search functionality. The FCC Form 175 application also allows applicants to enter information as discrete data elements, rather than uploading this information as free-form exhibits.

The auction bidding system has also been updated for easier navigation, customizable results, and enhanced bidding features. The new bidding system allows for multiple types of auctions (e.g., simultaneous multiple round-auctions or simultaneous multiple round-auctions with package bidding). Moreover, it permits both bidders and non-bidders to access a variety of reports and results as an auction progresses.

The Wireless Telecommunications Bureau is planning to conduct several ISAS orientation sessions in which the software will be demonstrated to the public. An opportunity for hands-on access to the software will also be available. FCC staff will be on hand to assist in using the new system and to answer questions. These sessions will also be available via webcast. Listed below are the dates and times of these sessions. **Registration is required**.

ISAS Orientation Sessions

Date	Session	Time	Location
March 31, 2005	FCC Form 175 Filing	10:00 AM – 12 Noon	FCC Headquarters
March 31, 2005	Auction Bidding	1:30 PM – 3:30 PM	FCC Headquarters
April 21, 2005	FCC Form 175 Filing	10:00 AM – 12 Noon	FCC Headquarters
April 21, 2005	Auction Bidding	1:30 PM – 3:30 PM	FCC Headquarters

These sessions are being held in advance of the first auction using ISAS, Auction No. 60 - Lower 700 MHz Band, which is scheduled to begin July 20, 2005.

If you are interested in attending any of these sessions, please call 1-888-225-5322, select Option #2, and ask to speak with an Auctions representative. You can also register by sending an e-mail with your name, address, and phone number, along with a subject line of "ISAS Orientation Sessions" to auchelp@fcc.gov. For further information, please contact the Auctions & Spectrum Access Division at (202) 418-0660.